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New Report About Sirhan

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Sirhan Sirhan acted alone in his assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel, according to a report scheduled for release tomorrow, the Los Angeles Times said yesterday.

The Los Angeles county special counsel appointed to investigate the assassination, Thomas F. Kranz, reached that conclusion in the 60-page report the District Attorney's office was to release.

"Special counsel Kranz has found no evidence, or possibility of evidence, of any coverup by law enforcement agencies to protect their own reputation or preserve the original conviction," the report said.

The report continues, the Times said, that Kranz found no indication that there was more than one assassin "who may have fired more than one gun, with more than eight bullets."

The Times said Kranz found that the original trial court evidence involved in the assassination was correct.

Kranz said that because of cutbacks in the district attorney's office, secretaries were not available to work full-time on the report which was drafted twice before a final copy was prepared for reproduction.

"In the minds of the public," he said, "the very nature of a political assassination is such that our pop culture will undoubtedly produce new theories and scenarios."

Kranz was appointed by the Los Angeles county Board of Supervisors Aug. 12, 1975, to make the investigation.

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